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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Barry A. Freel et al.

Serial No.: 09/955,267

Filed: September 18, 2001

For: Products Produced from Rapid Thermal  
Processing of Heavy Hydrocarbon  
Feedstocks

Examiner: N/A

Group Art: 1764

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments. A copy of the amended paragraphs with deletions bracketed and additions underlined is in the attached Appendix A.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 2, please replace the paragraph at lines 5-17 with the following: